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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Briefing Paper for the IAC Consideration
of International Communism (IAC-D-
See Attached)

1. The attached IAC document has been prepared in pursuance of your promise to General Schow made in your letter of August 5 on this subject, and includes an edited version of the policy paper on "Organizational Proposal for the Production of Intelligence on International Communism," which you recently signed.


2. Schow proposes that there be established an IAC sub-committee to "help coordinate the efforts of the agencies in collecting and producing intelligence on international communism." In view of the fact that the major responsibilities in this area focus on the State Department and CIA, I am inclined to believe that we are not in need of an IAC sub-committee, especially as it is difficult to see that other agencies would contribute to substantive reports or that there is a need for a continuing coordination of activities in this field. However, it may be that some benefit could accrue from such a sub-committee, principally in that there would then be established a channel for (a) the agencies rendering their requests on one another and (b) keeping each other more fully informed on what is being done and what is available. I am doubtful that the State Department would prefer such a sub-committee, inasmuch as the primary contribution to work in this field will come from a minority of the IAC membership, namely, State and CIA.

3. If in the circumstances of the discussion next Tuesday you feel it is necessary to establish a sub-committee there will arise the question of chairmanship. In view of the fact that the State Department's primary, if not exclusive, concern with this subject is upheld in the

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arrangements which you have just approved in the policy paper of August 4, 1955, the Department's representative may well feel that it should provide the chairmanship. I am inclined to believe, however, that a CIA chairmanship would provide better insurance of adequate intelligence production. If this Agency is to provide a chairmanship, I believe that the senior member of the research and planning group should serve in this capacity.

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